

Elders:

Rufus Barfield * Dan Jackson * Donnie McDaniel

Deacons:

Paul Byas * Chris Gorham * Rhett Moeller * Michael Myrick * Sheldon Smith

Evangelist:

Antoine Holloway

Worship Times:

Sunday Bible Study/9:30AM Sunday Morning Worship/10:30AM
Sunday Evening Worship/6:00PM Wednesday Bible Study/7:30PM

Meetings:

Men's Leadership Class **Saturday Evangelism Class**

February 23rd @ 9:00am March 2nd @ 9:00am

Elders/Deacons Meeting **Women's Thursday Bible Study**

February 17th @ 5:00pm March 21st @ 7:00pm

2013 Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Ethan Longhenry of Venice, California

April 18th-21st, 2013

2013 Vacation Bible School w/ David Graham of Cincinnati, Ohio

June 17th-21st, 2013

THEME: TBA

2013 Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Larry Wright of Savannah, Georgia

October 10th-13th, 2013

Prayer Requests (Health Problems & Sick Presently)

Rudale Blake * Virginia Fowler * JoAnn Harrison * Andrew Madison *
Bruce McDonald * Janet Ostroff * Earl Sellers * Lewis Wise

Prayer Request (Unable To Attend Services Here)

Anne Harrison * Steven Chung * Bruce McDonald * Carlos Vargas

Prayer Request (Traveling)

Rufus & Emma Jean Barfield * The Holloway Family

Additional Announcements

- WELCOME **Monica Whaley** – She was baptized into Christ on February 4th.
- This Morning's Message will be delivered by **Dan Jackson**.
- This Evening's Message will be delivered by **Mark Ostroff**.
- Song Practice Today @ 5:00pm.
- **Exton COC Gospel Meeting** – March 8th-10th w/ Kevan O'banion

Contribution & Attendance Figures

February 10 th	\$4,288-Contribution	151-Attendance
February 3 rd	\$5,374-Contribution	136-Attendance

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear The Gospel (Acts 15:7) * Believe In Jesus (Acts 8:12) * Repent Of Our Sins (Acts 3:19) * Confess Christ To Be The Son Of God (Acts 8:37)
* Be Baptized In Water (Acts 22:16) * Remain Faithful (Acts 2:42)

TODAY'S DATE: February 17, 2013

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***"A Going Church For A Coming Lord, Which Does
All The Lord Authorizes" – Romans 16:16***

When Jesus Comes



Scriptural Text: Malachi 2:17-Malachi 3:5

The children of Israel were accused by the prophet Malachi in **Malachi 2:17** of wearying God. This means that God has become tired & exhausted with His children; His people. Unfortunately, the Jews were unaware of how their words have brought God to this point. Malachi proceeds to quote them by saying, "**Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, & He delights in them.**" Or by asking, "**Where is the God of justice?**"

In **Malachi 3:1**, God begins to respond to their statement & answer their query. God does this because they have worn out His patience. They were a skeptical people. They knew they were God's chosen, but did not feel like God's chosen. They looked at the world & falsely accused God of being unjust. They had forgotten the words of King David in **Psalms 37**. So, God promises to come down from Heaven & dwell with them. The messenger of **Malachi 3:1** was fulfilled in the person of John the Baptist (**Matthew 11:10**). The God of whom the messenger was to prepare the way for was Jesus Christ (**Matthew 3:11**). John's job was a clear one: To prepare the way for Jesus Christ (God in the flesh – **John 1:1**) by preaching repentance that if heard would cease the practice of sin which stood between God & His people. God further assures the Israelites that Jesus is coming & He will do this suddenly.

In **Malachi 3:2**, the question is asked, "**But who can endure the day of his coming, & who can stand when He appears?**" When Jesus comes it will be like Amos has prophesied in **Amos 5:18-20**. When Jesus comes, He will be like a refiner. Jesus will separate the precious metal, which is the good, from the refuse, which is the bad from among the lost sheep of Israel (**Matthew 15:24**). When Jesus comes, He will be like a fuller. Jesus will wash away all that is filthy, which is what Jesus did on the cross at Calvary (**Revelation 1:5**). All of this is going to happen because they accused God of being unfair, unjust, & uninvolved.

In **Malachi 3:3**, when Christ executes His judgment, He will not do it like the Jews expect. The Jews assumed that Christ would take vengeance on the heathens only, but God always executes judgment on His people first & then upon the heathen because God's people should know better. The audience would be familiar with both Assyrian & Babylonian captivity of

which they have been delivered; mainly Babylonian. Nevertheless, recall what God has done. He punished Israel first by the hand of the Assyrians, & then He punished the Assyrians by the hand of the Babylonians. He punished Judah by the hands of the Babylonians, & then He punished the Babylonians by the hand of the Persians.

In **Malachi 3:4**, after John the Baptist has prepared the way & Jesus has finished His work (**John 19:30**), then the offering of Judah & Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old & as in former years. Judah & Jerusalem in this text represent the kingdom of Christ, which is His church (**Matthew 16:18-19**). These Jews were supposed to obey Christ because He is the messenger of the covenant spoken of in **Malachi 3:1**, **Hebrews 8:6**, & **Hebrews 9:15-17**. We see this prophesy being fulfilled with Judah in Jerusalem in **Acts 2:41** & with the sons of Levi in **Acts 6:7**.

In **Malachi 3:5**, after God has made clear His sovereignty to His people, then God will move to the heathen because God is holy & cannot allow evil to go unpunished. Just like Jesus would come suddenly upon the Jews, Jesus will also be a swift witness against sorcerers, adulterers, liars, oppressors, & those who do not reverence Him.

What Are We To Expect In His Second Coming?

1. If we are dissatisfied with our lives & believe the solution to our problems is Jesus' returning, then we might not love His appearing like we are supposed to (**2 Thessalonians 1:4-10**). To the Christian, the question is not "Have we obeyed the Gospel?", but rather the question is, "Do we know God?"
2. We are going to be judged by the words of Jesus (**John 12:48**). He has already delivered the word we are to teach, the commandments we are to obey, & the example we are to follow. Our verdict will be deserved because we will be without excuse when He suddenly comes again.
3. Judgment will begin with the house of God (**1 Peter 4:17-18**). We know better. It is time for us to do better & be better. We are to be right & live right, not because our own righteousness earns us a way into Heaven. We live right because God has been merciful & gracious towards us & we say "Thank You" through our obedience.
4. **Revelation 21:3-4** & **Revelation 21:6-7** is the future we are to look forward to so that our offering will forever be pleasing to the Lord. First Time – Worship Accepted. Second Time – Worship Not Rejected.
5. **Revelation 21:8** is the future we are to avoid knowing that the people Jesus passed judgment on the first time are the same type of people Jesus will punish eternally the second time. Let us steer clear of this end.

- **Antoine N. Holloway**